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DEVICE FOR THE MEASUREMENT AND CHARACTERIZATION OF ATOMIC AND

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 I hereby certify that this document is being sent via First Class U.S. mail addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 4th day of March, 2005.

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Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.